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NOTICE OF HEARING SESSION

Dear Counsel:

Pursuant to the order of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation filed today, you are hereby notified that a hearing session has been scheduled to consider various matters pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407.

DATE OF HEARING SESSION: November 20, 2003

LOCATION OF HEARING SESSION: John H. Wood, Jr. United States Courthouse

Courtroom No. 1, First Floor 655 East Durango Boulevard San Antonio, Texas 78206-1198

TIME OF HEARING SESSION: In those matters designated for oral argument, counsel presenting oral argument must be present at **8:30 a.m.** in order for the Panel to allocate the amount of time for oral argument. Oral argument will commence at **9:30 a.m.**

Please direct your attention to the enclosed Hearing Session Order and Schedule of Matters for Hearing Session for a listing of the matters scheduled for consideration at this hearing session.

- Section A of this Schedule lists the matters designated for oral argument.
- Section B of this Schedule lists the matters that the Panel has determined to consider **without oral argument**, pursuant to Rule 16.1(c), R.P.J.P.M.L., 199 F.R.D. 425, 439 (2001).

For those matters listed on Section A of the Schedule, the enclosed blue "Notice of Presentation or Waiver of Oral Argument" must be returned to this office no later than **November 3, 2003.** Note the procedures governing Panel oral argument which are outlined on the enclosed "Procedures for Oral Argument before the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation." These procedures are strictly adhered to and your cooperation is appreciated.

Very truly,

Michael J. Beck
Clerk of the Panel

JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION FILED

OCT. 15, 2003

MICHAEL J. BECK CLERK OF THE PANEL

BEFORE THE JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

WM. TERRELL HODGES, CHAIRMAN, JOHN F. KEENAN, BRUCE M. SELYA, JULIA SMITH GIBBONS, D. LOWELL JENSEN, J. FREDERICK MOTZ AND ROBERT L. MILLER, JR., JUDGES OF THE PANEL

HEARING SESSION ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that on November 20, 2003, a hearing session will be held in San Antonio, Texas, to consider the matters on the attached Schedule under 28 U.S.C. § 1407.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that at said hearing session the Panel may, on its own initiative, consider transfer of any or all of the actions in those matters to any district or districts.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that at said hearing session the matters listed on Section A of the attached Schedule shall be designated for oral argument.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that at said hearing session the matters listed on Section B of the attached Schedule shall be considered without oral argument, pursuant to Rule 16.1(c), R.P.J.P.M.L., 199 F.R.D. 425, 439 (2001). The Panel reserves the prerogative, on any basis including submissions of parties pursuant to Panel Rule 16.1(b), to issue a subsequent notice designating any of those matters for oral argument.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation shall direct notice of this hearing session to counsel for all parties involved in the matters on the attached Schedule.

FOR THE PANEL:

Wm. Terrell Hodges Chairman

SCHEDULE OF MATTERS FOR HEARING SESSION November 20, 2003 -- San Antonio, Texas

SECTION A MATTERS DESIGNATED FOR ORAL ARGUMENT

MDL-1568 -- In re Parcel Tanker Shipping Services Antitrust Litigation

Motion of defendants Stolt-Nielsen SA; Stolt-Nielsen Transportation Group Ltd.; Odfjell ASA; Odfjell USA, Inc.; Jo Tankers B.V.; Jo Tankers, Inc.; and Tokyo Marine Co., Ltd., for centralization of the following actions in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas:

District of Connecticut

JLM Industries, Inc., et al. v. Stolt-Nielsen SA, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-348 Illovo Sugar, Ltd. v. Stolt-Nielsen SA, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-1200

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Allchem Industries Industrial Chemicals Group, Inc. v. Stolt-Nielsen SA, et al., C.A. No. 2:03-3476

GFI Chemicals, LP, et al. v. Stolt-Nielsen SA, et al., C.A. No. 2:03-4079

Basic Chemical Solutions LLC v. Stolt-Nielsen SA, et al., C.A. No. 2:03-4080

Southern District of Texas

Nizhnekamskneftekhim USA, Inc. v. Stolt-Nielsen SA, et al., C.A. No. 4:03-1202

MDL-1570 -- In re Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001

Motion of defendant Saudi Binladin Group, Inc., for centralization of the following actions in the United States District Court for the District of District of Columbia:

District of District of Columbia

Fiona Havlish, et al. v. Sheikh Usama Bin-Laden, et al., C.A. No. 1:02-305 Thomas Burnett, et al. v. Al Baraka Investment & Development Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:02-1616

Southern District of New York

Kathleen Ashton, et al. v. Al Qaeda Islamic Army, et al., C.A. No. 1:02-6977 Walter Tremsky, et al. v. Osama Bin Laden, et al., C.A. No. 1:02-7300 Gladys Salvo, et al. v. Al Qaeda Islamic Army, et al., C.A. No. 1:03-5071 Chiemi York, et al. v. Al Qaeda Islamic Army, et al., C.A. No. 1:03-5493

MDL-1572 -- In re Air Crash Near Castellon, Spain, on October 10, 2001

Motion of defendant Flightline, S.L., for centralization of the following actions in the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut:

District of Connecticut

William Lyons, et al. v. Viajes Flightline, S.L., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-1788 Elizabeth D. McParland, etc. v. Viajes Flightline, S.L., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-1972 Jacqueline A. Van Slyke, etc. v. Viajes Flightline, S.L., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-2274 Adrienne Brooks, etc. v. Viajes Flightlines, S.L., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-2275 Leslie Clark, etc. v. Viajes Flightline, S.L., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-2276

Southern District of Texas

Leslie Dalrymple, etc. v. Flightline International, S.L., C.A. No. 4:03-2328 Kathy Harrison, et al. v. Afrospania Logistics, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 4:03-2398

MDL-1573 -- In re The Boeing Company Employment Practices Litigation (No. II)

Motion of plaintiffs Nadine McClam-Brown, et al., for centralization of the following actions in the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington:

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Nadine McClam-Brown, et al. v. The Boeing Co., C.A. No. 2:98-3994

Western District of Washington

Solomon Williams, et al. v. The Boeing Co., C.A. No. 2:98-430 Solomon Williams, et al. v. The Boeing Co., et al., C.A. No. 2:98-761

MDL-1574 -- In re Paxil Products Liability Litigation

Motion of plaintiffs Preston Leonard, et al., for centralization of the following actions in the United States District Court for the Central District of California or, in the alternative, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois:

Central District of California

In re Paxil Litigation, C.A. No. 2:01-7937

Southern District of California

James Roscoe v. GlaxoSmithKline, C.A. No. 3:02-2138

Southern District of Illinois

Carol Martin, et al. v. SmithKline Beecham Corp., C.A. No. 3:03-563

Middle District of Louisiana

Ted Bowman, et al. v. SmithKline Beecham Corp., C.A. No. 3:02-909 Victoria James, et al. v. SmithKline Beecham Corp., et al., C.A. No. 3:03-499

MDL-1574 (Continued)

District of Massachusetts

- Preston Leonard, et al. v. GlaxoSmithKline Corp., C.A. No. 1:03-10245

 <u>District of Maryland</u>
- Frank Mitchell, et al. v. SmithKline Beecham Corp., C.A. No. 1:02-4156

 Northern District of Mississippi
- Hattie D. Scott, et al. v. SmithKline Beecham Corp., et al., C.A. No. 4:03-233

 Northern District of Ohio
- Joseph James McGrath, et al. v. GlaxoSmithKline, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:02-765

 Middle District of Tennessee
- Calvin Townsend, et al. v. SmithKline Beecham Corp., et al., C.A. No. 3:03-444

 Northern District of Texas
- Clayton Greenberg, et al. v. GlaxoSmithKline Corp., C.A. No. 3:02-2147

 Eastern District of Wisconsin

Christen Holcombe, et al. v. SmithKline Beecham, C.A. No. 2:02-1158

MDL-1575 -- In re Visa/MasterCard Antitrust Litigation

Motion of plaintiffs Best Buy Stores, L.P., et al., and Giant Eagle, Inc., et al., for centralization of the following actions in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota or, in the alternative, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York:

District of Minnesota

Best Buy Stores, L.P., et al. v. Visa U.S.A., Inc., et al., C.A. No. 0:03-3384

Eastern District of New York

Meijer Stores Limited Partnership, et al. v. Visa U.S.A., Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:02-4668 Toys "R" Us, Inc. v. Visa U.S.A., Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:02-6282 Home Depot U.S.A., Inc. v. Visa U.S.A., Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:02-6790 CVS Corp., et al. v. Visa U.S.A., Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-2334

Western District of Pennsylvania

Giant Eagle, Inc., et al. v. Visa U.S.A., Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:02-2120

SECTION B MATTERS DESIGNATED FOR CONSIDERATION WITHOUT ORAL ARGUMENT

MDL-381 -- In re "Agent Orange" Products Liability Litigation

Opposition of plaintiff Paul Baldassari to transfer of the following action to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York:

District of Massachusetts

Paul Baldassari v. Dow Chemical Co., C.A. No. 1:03-11174

MDL-875 -- In re Asbestos Products Liability Litigation (No. VI)

Oppositions of plaintiffs Dawn Yates, et al.; Thomas R. Wicker, et al.; Louis Paul Miller; Roy Jones; Clifford R. Crosby, Sr.; and Wilbur Broadus Amick, et al., to transfer of their respective following actions to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania:

District of Connecticut

Dawn Yates, et al. v. Electric Boat Corp., C.A. No. 3:03-245

Southern District of Mississippi

Thomas R. Wicker, et al. v. Illinois Central Railroad Co., C.A. No. 1:03-208 Louis Paul Miller v. Quigley Co., Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-217

District of Oregon

Roy Jones v. Railko, Ltd., et al., C.A. No. 6:03-8

MDL-875 (Continued)

District of South Carolina

Clifford R. Crosby, Sr. v. Owens-Illinois, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:03-2089 Wilbur Broadus Amick, et al. v. National Service Industries, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:03-2115

MDL-986 -- In re "Factor VIII or IX Concentrate Blood Products" Products Liability Litigation

Motion of defendants Bayer Corporation; Armour Pharmaceutical Company, Inc.; Aventis Behring LLC; Aventis, Inc.; Baxter Healthcare Corporation; and Alpha Therapeutic Corporation to transfer the following action to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois:

Northern District of California

Domenico Gullone, et al. v. Bayer Corp., et al., C.A. No. 3:03-2572

MDL-1132 -- In re Exterior Insulation Finish System (EIFS) Products Liability Litigation

Oppositions of plaintiffs Robert R. Bishopp, et al., and Ilga L. Cooper to transfer of their respective following actions to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina:

Southern District of Ohio

Robert R. Bishopp, et al. v. Dryvit Systems, Inc., C.A. No. 1:03-563

District of South Carolina

Ilga L. Cooper v. John B. Irvin, III, et al., C.A. No. 2:02-3797

MDL-1203 -- In re Diet Drugs (Phentermine/Fenfluramine/Dexfenfluramine) Products Liability Litigation

Oppositions of plaintiffs to transfer of their respective actions listed on Attachment A to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

MDL-1293 -- In re Natural Gas Royalties Qui Tam Litigation

Opposition of defendants Amoco Corporation, et al., to remand, under 28 U.S.C. § 1407(a), of the following action to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas:

District of Wyoming

Harold E. (Gene) Wright, et al. v. AGIP Petroleum Co., et al., C.A. No. 2:00-1675 (E.D. Texas, C.A. No. 9:98-30)

MDL-1332 -- In re Microsoft Corp. Windows Operating Systems Antitrust Litigation

Opposition of plaintiff Birdsong Tractor & Supply, Inc., to transfer of the following action to the United States District Court for the District of Maryland:

Eastern District of Arkansas

Birdsong Tractor & Supply, Inc. v. Microsoft Corp., C.A. No. 4:03-474

MDL-1334 -- In re Managed Care Litigation

Oppositions of defendants Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi, and Trustmark Insurance Company to transfer of the following action to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida:

Middle District of Florida

Harry L. Dorsey, D.C., et al. v. Aetna, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 8:03-1273

MDL-1335 -- In re Tyco International, Ltd., Securities, Derivative & "ERISA" Litigation

Oppositions of plaintiffs Ezra Charitable Trust and Robert C. Wilson, et al., to transfer of their respective following actions to the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire:

Southern District of Florida

Ezra Charitable Trust v. Tyco International, Ltd., et al., C.A. No. 9:03-80479

Eastern District of Michigan

Robert C. Wilson, et al. v. Tyco International Ltd., et al., C.A. No. 2:03-72154

MDL-1348 -- In re Rezulin Products Liability Litigation

Oppositions of plaintiffs to transfer of their respective following actions to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York:

Middle District of Florida

Joanne Herrmann, etc. v. Warner-Lambert Co., et al., C.A. No. 3:03-699

MDL-1348 (Continued)

Northern District of Mississippi

Helen Graves, et al. v. Parke-Davis, et al., C.A. No. 2:03-183 Tommie Doyle, et al. v. Parke-Davis, et al., C.A. No. 2:03-184 Yolanda Davis, et al. v. Parke-Davis, et al., C.A. No. 2:03-185 Louvenia Joiner, et al. v. Parke-Davis, et al., C.A. No. 2:03-186

Southern District of Mississippi

Herstine McCain, et al. v. Warner-Lambert Co., et al., C.A. No. 2:03-402
Arthur Adams v. Warner-Lambert Co., C.A. No. 3:03-627
Mary Stewart, et al. v. Parke-Davis, et al., C.A. No. 4:03-191
Johnny Coleman, et al. v. Parke-Davis, et al., C.A. No. 4:03-192
Jennifer Renette Long Slaughter, et al. v. Larry Morris, M.D., et al., C.A. No. 4:03-193
Phyllis Allen, et al. v. Warner-Lambert Co., et al., C.A. No. 4:03-260
Shirley C. Montgomery v. Warner-Lambert Co., C.A. No. 5:03-258

District of New Mexico

Mary Ann Vigil v. Pfizer, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-549 Irene Bencomo v. Pfizer, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-550

Northern District of Ohio

Antoinette Barber v. Pfizer, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 4:03-1107

District of South Carolina

Mack Brown, et al. v. Parke-Davis, et al., C.A. No. 1:03-2749

Eastern District of Texas

Chucky Kennedy v. Shaunna Mitchell, M.D., et al., C.A. No. 2:03-291

MDL-1348 (Continued)

Southern District of Texas

Rosaura Rodriguez v. Parke-Davis, et al., C.A. No. 2:03-303 Mary Garza, et al. v. Pfizer, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 7:03-143 Irma Echavarria v. Parke-Davis, et al., C.A. No. 7:03-217

Western District of Texas

Jose Felan v. Parke-Davis, et al., C.A. No. 4:03-78

MDL-1355 -- In re Propulsid Products Liability Litigation

Oppositions of plaintiffs to transfer of their respective following actions to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana:

Northern District of Mississippi

Geneva Anderson, et. al. v. Johnson & Johnson, et. al., C.A. No. 2:03-192 Milton Adams, et. al. v. Johnson & Johnson, et. al., C.A. No. 2:03-193 Bessie McGee, et al. v. Johnson & Johnson, et al., C.A. No. 4:03-256 Mamie Cole, et al. v. Johnson & Johnson, et al., C.A. No. 4:03-258 Gena Amato, et. al. v. Johnson & Johnson, et. al., C.A. No. 4:03-272 Bobbie Jean Eddington, et al. v. Johnson & Johnson, et al., C.A. No. 4:03-278

Southern District of Mississippi

Faye Aldridge, et al. v. Johnson & Johnson, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-669 Dejohnessa Dixon, et al. v. Johnson & Johnson, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-670 Sentra Murray, et al. v. Johnson & Johnson, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-671 Joe Nick Fitzgerald, et al. v. Johnson & Johnson, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-752 Beverly Foreman Maricelli v. Johnson & Johnson Co., et al., C.A. No. 5:03-378

MDL-1373 -- In re Bridgestone/Firestone, Inc., Tires Products Liability Litigation

Oppositions of plaintiffs Dwight Tompkins, et al., and Alfred Hinson and defendant Border Transfer Services, Inc., to transfer of their respective following actions to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana:

Eastern District of California

Dwight Tompkins, et al. v. Ford Motor Co., C.A. No. 2:03-1713

Southern District of Texas

Steven Ames v. Ford Motor Co., et al., C.A. No. 5:03-85

Eastern District of Virginia

Alfred Hinson v. Ford Motor Co., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-597

MDL-1382 -- In re Unitrin, Inc., Industrial Life Insurance Litigation

Opposition of plaintiffs Walter Christian, et al., to transfer of the following action to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana:

Southern District of Mississippi

Walter Christian, et al. v. Unitrin, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 5:03-375

MDL-1390 -- In re Life Insurance Co. of Georgia Industrial Life Insurance Litigation

Oppositions of plaintiffs Lillie Rice, et al.; Doris Reynolds, et al.; Lillie Mae Woods, et al.; Lorene Williams, et al.; Ruth Augustine, et al.; and Ruby King, et al., to transfer of their respective following actions to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana:

Northern District of Georgia

Lillie Rice, et al. v. Life Insurance Co. of Georgia, C.A. No. 1:03-1998

Doris Reynolds, et al. v. Life Insurance Co. of Georgia, C.A. No. 1:03-2303

Lillie Mae Woods, et al. v. Life Insurance Co. of Georgia, C.A. No. 1:03-2304

Lorene Williams, et al. v. Life Insurance Co. of Georgia, C.A. No. 1:03-2305

Ruth Augustine, et al. v. Life Insurance Co. of Georgia, C.A. No. 1:03-2306

Ruby King, et al. v. Life Insurance Co. of Georgia, C.A. No. 1:03-2381

MDL-1401 -- In re Sulzer Orthopedics Inc. Hip Prosthesis and Knee Prosthesis Products Liability Litigation

Opposition of plaintiffs Norman K. Stahl, et al., to transfer of the following action to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio:

Northern District of Oklahoma

Norman K. Stahl, et al. v. Sulzer Orthopedics, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 4:03-475

MDL-1405 -- In re California Wholesale Electricity Antitrust Litigation

Oppositions of plaintiff Port of Seattle and defendants Puget Energy, Inc.; Puget Sound Energy, Inc.; and Pacificorp to transfer of the following action to the United States District Court for the Southern District of California:

Western District of Washington

Port of Seattle v. Avista Corp., et al., C.A. No. 2:03-1170

MDL-1407 -- In re Phenylpropanolamine (PPA) Products Liability Litigation

Oppositions of plaintiffs Brendra Joseph, et al.; Kirby Davis; Evelyn E. Williams; Bobby Delaughter, et al.; Jerome Burton, etc.; Timi Siemer, et al.; Joseph Zennaro, etc.; and Jerry Knight and defendants Leiner Health Products, Inc., and Walmart Stores, Inc., to transfer of their respective following actions to the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington:

Eastern District of Arkansas

Brendra Joseph, et al. v. Chattem, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 4:03-250

Northern District of Florida

Kirby Davis v. Bayer Corp., et al., C.A. No. 3:03-233 Evelyn E. Williams v. Bayer Corp., et al., C.A. No. 3:03-234 Bobby Delaughter, et al. v. Bayer Cop., et al., C.A. No. 3:03-235

Southern District of Mississippi

Jerome Burton, etc. v. Proctor & Gamble Co., et al., C.A. No. 5:03-352

Eastern District of Missouri

Timi Siemer, et al. v. Chattem, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 4:03-796

Eastern District of New York

Joseph Zennaro, etc. v. Wyeth, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-2155

Southern District of New York

Phyllis McComas v. Leiner Health Products, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:02-8018

Northern District of Texas

Jerry Knight v. Advocare International LLC, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-1361

MDL-1409 -- In re Currency Conversion Fee Antitrust Litigation

Opposition of plaintiff Bernd Bildstein to transfer of the following action to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York:

Eastern District of New York

Bernd Bildstein v. MasterCard International, Inc., C.A. No. 1:03-3273

MDL-1422 -- In re Waste Management, Inc., Securities Litigation

Opposition of plaintiff Benny R. Villani to transfer of the following action to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas:

District of New Jersey

Benny R. Villani v. Waste Management, Inc., C.A. No. 2:03-3913

MDL-1423 -- In re Cygnus Telecommunications Technology, LLC, Patent Litigation

Opposition of defendant Liberation Management, LLC to transfer of the following action to the United States District Court for the Northern District of California:

Southern District of California

Cygnus Telecommunications Technology, LLC v. Liberation Management, LLC, C.A. No. 3:03-1613

MDL-1431 -- In re Baycol Products Liability Litigation

Oppositions of plaintiffs to transfer of their respective following actions to the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota:

Northern District of Mississippi

Kenneth Michael, et al. v. Bayer Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-92 Donna Elliott, et al. v. Bayer Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-224

Southern District of Mississippi

Gerald Hovatter v. Bayer AG, et al., C.A. No. 1:03-286
Helene Cuevas v. Bayer Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-530
Russell Wooten v. Bayer Corp., et al., C.A. No. 3:03-422
Ivy L. Watson, et al. v. Bayer AG, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-423
Sadie Lee Williams, et al. v. Bayer AG, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-563
Gladys Daniel Blakeney, et al. v. Bayer AG, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-598
Aundrea Barnes, et al. v. Bayer AG, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-599
Frances Nell Amason, et al. v. Bayer AG, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-600
Audrey Andrews, et al. v. Bayer AG, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-659
Monzolia Banks, et al. v. Bayer AG, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-763
Janet Clark, et al. v. Susan S. Gunn, et al., C.A. No. 4:03-137

Eastern District of New York

Richard J. Medalie v. Bayer Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-2701

Eastern District of Texas

Dorothy Achee, et al. v. Bayer Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-445

Northern District of Texas

Katheryn Moreno, et al. v. Bayer Corp., et al., C.A. No. 3:03-1197 Emma Stemen, et al. v. Bayer Corp., et al., C.A. No. 3:03-1198

MDL-1446 -- In re Enron Corp. Securities, Derivative & "ERISA" Litigation

Oppositions of plaintiffs Unicredito Italiano, et al.; Arthur K. McNett, et al.; Seymour Herman; and Vanguard Balanced Index Fund, et al., to transfer of their respective following actions to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas:

Southern District of New York

Unicredito Italiano, et al. v. J.P. Morgan Chase, et al., C.A. No. 1:02-5328

District of Oregon

Arthur K. McNett, et al. v. Arthur Andersen, LLP, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-1113 Seymour Herman v. Arthur Andersen, LLP, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-1115

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Vanguard Balanced Index Fund, et al. v. Citibank, N.A., et al., C.A. No. 2:03-3099

Motions of defendants Sally W. Beck, Mark A. Frevert, Mark E. Haedicke, Kevin P. Hannon, and Lawrence G. Whalley, and of third-party defendant Ken Lay, to transfer their respective following actions to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas:

Northern District of Texas

American Home Assurance Co. v. Sally W. Beck, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-1625

Western District of Texas

Northern Natural Gas Co. v. Betty Lou Sherrin, et al., C.A. No. 5:03-304

MDL-1456 -- In re Pharmaceutical Industry Average Wholesale Price Litigation

Opposition of plaintiff International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 68 Welfare Fund to transfer of the following action to the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts:

District of New Jersey

International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 68 Welfare Fund v. Astrazenca, PLC, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-3230

MDL-1477 -- In re Serzone Products Liability Litigation

Oppositions of plaintiffs Gina Archie, et al.; Emma J. Twiner; Josephine Adams, et al.; Barbara Adams-Sharp, et al.; and Dixie Atencio, et al., and defendants Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc.; Johnson & Johnson; Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development, LLC; Vatsala Bhaskaran, M.D.; Ramesh R. Parikh, M.D.; Enrique Mendia, M.D.; Vaidyanath Iyer, M.D.; Lawrence Ginsberg, M.D.; Mina A. Parikh, M.D.; Riza Mazcuri, M.D.; G. Scardino, M.D.; and Chantee Vavasseur, M.D., to transfer of their respective following actions to the United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia:

Northern District of Iowa

Myra Frana, et al. v. Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-79

Southern District of Mississippi

Gina Archie, et al. v. Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:02-1762 Emma J. Twiner v. Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., Inc., et al., C.A. No. 5:03-320

Northern District of Texas

Josephine Adams, et al. v. Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., C.A. No. 3:03-1430 Barbara Adams-Sharp, et al. v. Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., C.A. No. 3:03-1669

Southern District of Texas

Dixie Atencio, et al. v. Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., et al., C.A. No. 4:03-2772

MDL-1481 -- In re Meridia Products Liability Litigation

Oppositions of plaintiffs Pauline Berry, et al., and Cathy Cummings, et al., to transfer of their respective following actions to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio:

Northern District of Mississippi

Pauline Berry, et al. v. Abbott Laboratories, et al., C.A. No. 2:03-189

Southern District of Mississippi

Cathy Cummings, et al. v. Abbott Laboratories, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-648

MDL-1487 -- In re WorldCom, Inc., Securities & "ERISA" Litigation

Oppositions of plaintiffs Richard F. Reynolds; American International Group, Inc., et al.; and Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company to transfer of their respective following actions to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York:

District of District of Columbia

Richard F. Reynolds v. James C. Allen, et al., C.A. No. 1:03-1038

Northern District of Texas

American International Group, Inc., et al. v. Bernard J. Ebbers, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-1566

Eastern District of Wisconsin

Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. v. Citigroup, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:03-608

MDL-1507 -- In re Prempro Products Liability Litigation

Opposition of plaintiffs to transfer of their respective following actions to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas:

Eastern District of Louisiana

Laura Harry v. Wyeth, Inc., C.A. No. 2:03-2096

Southern District of Mississippi

Helen Marie Sheppard, et al. v. Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:03-271 Johnnie Mae Jenkins, et al. v. Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:03-623 Susie Brown v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-676 Susan Hewitt v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 5:03-333

Eastern District of Texas

Annie Casey, et al. v. Wyeth, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-412 Eddie Mae Barnum v. Wyeth, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-453 Jeanne Young, et al. v. Wyeth, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-479 Juliana Jenny, et al. v. Wyeth, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-480 Linda Johnson, et al. v. Wyeth, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-484 Sharon L. Harmon v. Wyeth, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 4:03-287 Beverly Sue Erwin, et al. v. Wyeth, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 9:03-183

Northern District of Texas

Charles Dwain Walker, et al. v. Wyeth, C.A. No. 2:03-226 Diane Rebetti, et al. v. Wyeth, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 4:03-845

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Nancy Newman, et al. v. Wyeth, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:03-548
Ruth Opal Kent, et al. v. Wyeth, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:03-549
Hilda Thibodeaux v. Wyeth, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 4:03-2905
Patricia Cornelius, et al. v. Wyeth, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 4:03-2906
Gerri Adair, et al. v. Wyeth, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 4:03-2907
Nancy B. Smith v. Wyeth, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 4:03-2908
Fannie Jean Henry v. Wyeth, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 4:03-2909

MDL-1529 -- In re Adelphia Communications Corp. Securities & Derivative Litigation (No. II)

Opposition of plaintiffs Gary L. Williams, et al., to transfer of the following action to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York:

District of South Carolina

Gary L. Williams, et al. v. John J. Rigas, et al., C.A. No. 3:02-2966

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MDL-1203 -- In re Diet Drugs (Phentermine/Fenfluramine/Dexfenfluramine) Products Liability Litigation

Middle District of Alabama

Rhonda Shepard v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 2:03-520

Northern District of Alabama

Joan D. McCreless v. American Home Products, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 2:03-1340

Northern District of Florida

Janice Bennett, et al. v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-224 Nancy West v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-232 Nancy Wells v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-295 Brenda L. Bankston v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-296 Lucretia Kistler v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-297 Judy Gerwe v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-298

Southern District of Florida

Zelda Rudy v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 9:03-80716

Northern District of Georgia

Frank Topolski, et al. v. Wyeth, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-1937

Eastern District of Louisiana

Joanne Bourgeois v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 2:03-2357

Eastern District of Missouri

Karen Castle, et al. v. Wyeth, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 4:03-974

Northern District of Mississippi

Margie Broom, et al. v. Marcus Hogan, et al., C.A. No. 2:03-169

Pam Harkins, et al. v. Billy Sollie, et al., C.A. No. 2:03-170

Gladys Walton, et al. v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 2:03-195

Lana Smith, et al. v. Wyeth Corp., et al., C.A. No. 2:03-241

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Karen Bates, et al. v. Dwalia S. South, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-641
Barbara Cooper v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 3:03-655
Elise Lizana, et al. v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 3:03-685
Mike Cockrell, et al. v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-715
Janice McCrory, et al. v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-727
Chandra Bell Estate, et al. v. Wyeth, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 3:03-737
Susan Shumake, et al. v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 3:03-759
Delois Gore, et al. v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 3:03-760
Shirley Dickey, et al. v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 4:03-188
Shirley Smith, et al. v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 4:03-264
Brenda K. Good, et al. v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 5:03-262
Joyce Holcomb, et al. v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 5:03-301

District of Montana

Betty Jo Bridenstine, et al. v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 9:03-54

Eastern District of New York

Ann Mattarelliano v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-3081 Lewis Barsky, et al. v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-3082 Nyesha Hall, et al. v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-3885 Kim M. Yancey v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-3886 Celine Azoulay, et al. v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-3887 Jennifer Merritt v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-3889 Michele Schiavone v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-3898 Deena M. Schiavone v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-3899 Rachel R. Mosseri v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-3900 Doris Weller v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-3901 Alison Groia-Deangelis v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-3902 Chirstine Miceli-Faber, et al. v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-3903 Michelle Gonzalez v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-3904 Jennifer A. Broser v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-3905 Joyce S. Cohen-Flaster v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-3908 Chanda F. Hopkins v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-3910 Tara T. Jones v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-3912 Joseph DeBlasi, et al. v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-3967 Gina Young v. American Home Products Corp., et al., C.A. No. 1:03-3968

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Northern District of Texas

Wenona Evans, et al. v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 1:03-140
Eulen Lang, et al. v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 2:03-246
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Debra G. McDonald v. Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-1567
Mary Madalene Sain v. Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-1575
Helen Charlyne Speaker v. Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-1576
Brenda Stephens, et al. v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-1613
Kimberly L. Rutkowski, et al. v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-1627
Carol Cantrell, et al. v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-1659
Ramona Reeves, et al. v. Wyeth, et al., C.A. No. 3:03-1756
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Eastern District of Virginia

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Northern District of West Virginia

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PROCEDURES FOR ORAL ARGUMENT BEFORE THE JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

All oral argument is governed by the provisions of Rule 16.1 of the <u>Rules of Procedure of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation</u> (effective April 2, 2001). Rule 16.1(g) allows a maximum of twenty minutes for oral argument in each matter. In most cases, however, less time is necessary for the expression of all views and the Panel reserves the prerogative of reducing the time requested by counsel. Accordingly, counsel should be careful not to overstate the time requested for oral argument.

The Panel insists that counsel limit all oral argument to the appropriate criteria. <u>See generally In re "East of the Rockies" Concrete Pipe Antitrust Cases</u>, 302 F. Supp. 244, 255-56 (J.P.M.L. 1969) (concurring opinion) (discussion concerning criteria for transfer).

Rule 16.1 is duplicated in its entirety hereafter for your convenience.

RULE 16.1: HEARING SESSIONS AND ORAL ARGUMENT

- (a) Hearing sessions of the Panel for the presentation of oral argument and consideration of matters taken under submission without oral argument shall be held as ordered by the Panel. The Panel shall convene whenever and wherever desirable or necessary in the judgment of the Chairman. The Chairman shall determine which matters shall be considered at each hearing session and the Clerk of the Panel shall give notice to counsel for all parties involved in the litigation to be so considered of the time, place and subject matter of such hearing session.
- (b) Each party filing a motion or a response to a motion or order of the Panel under Rules 7.2, 7.3, 7.4 or 7.6 of these Rules may file simultaneously therewith a separate statement limited to one page setting forth reasons why oral argument should, or need not, be heard. Such statements shall be captioned "Reasons Why Oral Argument Should [Need Not] Be Heard," and shall be filed and served in conformity with Rules 5.12 and 5.2 of these Rules.
- (c) No transfer or remand determination regarding any action pending in the district court shall be made by the Panel when any party timely opposes such transfer or remand unless a hearing session has been held for the presentation of oral argument except that the Panel may dispense with oral argument if it determines that:
 - (i) the dispositive issue(s) have been authoritatively decided; or
- (ii) the facts and legal arguments are adequately presented in the briefs and record, and the decisional process would not be significantly aided by oral argument. Unless otherwise ordered by the Panel, all other matters before the Panel, such as a motion for reconsideration, shall be considered and determined upon the basis of the papers filed.
- (d) In those matters in which oral argument is not scheduled by the Panel, counsel shall be promptly advised. If oral argument is scheduled in a matter the Clerk of the Panel may require counsel for all parties who wish to make or to waive oral argument to file and serve notice to that effect within a stated time in conformity with Rules 5.12 and 5.2 of these Rules. Failure to do so shall be deemed a waiver of oral argument by that party. If oral argument is scheduled but not attended by a party, the matter shall not be rescheduled and that party's position shall be treated as submitted for decision by the Panel on the basis of the papers filed.
- (e) Except for leave of the Panel on a showing of good cause, only those parties to actions scheduled for oral argument who have filed a motion or written response to a motion or order shall be permitted to appear before the Panel and present oral argument.
- (f) Counsel for those supporting transfer or remand under Section 1407 and counsel for those opposing such transfer or remand are to confer separately prior to the oral argument for the purpose of organizing their arguments and selecting representatives to present all views without duplication.
- (g) Unless otherwise ordered by the Panel, a maximum of twenty minutes shall be allotted for oral argument in each matter. The time shall be divided equally among those with varying viewpoints. Counsel for the moving party or parties shall generally be heard first.

- (h) So far as practicable and consistent with the purposes of Section 1407, the offering of oral testimony before the Panel shall be avoided. Accordingly, oral testimony shall not be received except upon notice, motion and order of the Panel expressly providing for it.
- (i) After an action or group of actions has been set for a hearing session, consideration of such action(s) may be continued only by order of the Panel on good cause shown.